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**Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie
National Forest
Snoqualmie Ranger District
North Bend Office**

**902 SE North Bend Way
North Bend WA 98045
425-888-1421**

Reply to: 2430
Date: August 1, 2016

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Snoqualmie Ranger District Office, 902 S.E. North Bend Way, Bldg. 1, North Bend, WA 98045 no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before September 15, 2016 for the Bandera-Hansen Thin Stewardship Contract. This contract is located in Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 22, T.22N, R.10E, W.M. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is September 1, 2021.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of four restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

There are 13.44 miles of specified road reconstruction. A specified road construction cost of \$403,786.55 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 39,982 TONS. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Required Deposits	
							Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	Ton	13,756	16.1	\$1.16	\$0.32	\$0.94	\$0.07
Western Hemlock, Red Alder, and other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	26,226	12.9	\$1.16	\$0.32	\$0.94	\$0.07
TOTAL		Ton	39,982				\$37,583.08	\$2,798.74



The minimum acceptable bid is \$46,379.12 for biddable species.

A bid guarantee is not required.

Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. **The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.**

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 10:00am on August 11, 2016 at the Snoqualmie Ranger District Office, 902 S.E. North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber Contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both price and technical proposals, and explain/review the requirements of the stewardship restoration projects.

Parties submitting a technical proposal are to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria. Contractors can submit Alternate Technical Proposals for this project. However, the Contractor must submit a Technical Proposal that addresses the evaluation criteria as stated in addition to submitting the alternate proposal.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, offer form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call Shaun O'Connor, Snoqualmie Ranger District Office, 902 S.E. North Bend Way, Bldg. 1, North Bend, WA 98045, at 425-888-8768 or Jana Carlson, Contracting Officer, at 360-956-2263, or go to the Forests' webpage at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/resources/mbs/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>.

Sincerely,



Martie Schramm
District Ranger

Enclosure Contract Vicinity Map



Bandera-Hansen Thin Stewardship Contract - Vicinity Map Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

